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Applicant/Patent Owner: Kato, et al.

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Entitled: VACUUM PROCESSING AND OPERATING METHOD

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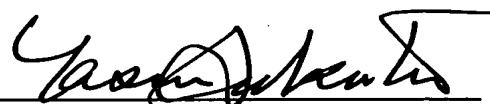
The assignee owning an undivided interest in original U.S. Patent NO.6,330,755 is Hitachi, Ltd., as evidenced by the Assignment recorded at Reel 6771, Frame 0122, and the assignee consents to the application for reissue thereof.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint Inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,330,755 BI, granted December 18, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled **VACUUM PROCESSING AND OPERATING METHOD**, the specification of which

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply)

by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Patentees claimed more than they had the right to claim, in patent claim 16, in reciting generally a method of treating a sample, and in reciting the step of carrying in the sample into a vacuum processing chamber using the lock chamber; and in failing to recite that in the method the sample is treated --in at least one of plural vacuum processing chambers--, and in failing to recite that the sample is carried into a vacuum processing chamber, --of said plural vacuum processing chambers--, using the lock chamber, as now recited in reissue application claim 16.

I/We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the foreign application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Provisional and/or Foreign Application(s)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
02-225321	Japan	29/8/1990	YES

I/We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application:

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09/177,495	October 23, 1998	Patented
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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.

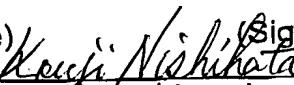
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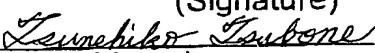
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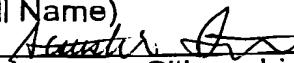
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